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JUNE 30, 2009

On November 12, 2008, the Board directed the Executive Director to take steps to close Ujima Village. At that time, the Board allocated Second District discretionary funds to the Housing Authority to pay tenant relocation expenses.

Ujima Village is comprised of 300 units of affordable housing in multiple buildings. At present, all but eight of the households have relocated. The remaining tenants are searching for replacement housing and plan to move in the near future. However, the large number of vacant units presents a serious safety concern for the remaining tenants until they relocate.

The Housing Authority has an existing Interdepartmental Agreement with the Sheriff's Department to provide community policing at all Housing Authority developments, including Ujima Village, pursuant to an underlying Master Services Agreement between the Housing Authority and the County. However, the Agreement for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 has no funds budgeted for community policing at Ujima Village because the Housing Authority expected the site to be completely vacated by this time. The community policing services at Ujima Village will end on June 30, 2009 unless additional funds are allocated for this purpose.

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The Housing Authority estimates that total relocation expenses for Ujima Village will be less than originally projected. Therefore, some of the funds that this Board allocated for relocation expenses may be used to continue funding community policing at Ujima Village until the remaining tenants relocate. The services provided by the Sheriff's Department are critical to ensuring the continued safety of these residents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. Find that an amendment to the Interdepartmental Agreement between the Housing Authority and the Sheriff's Department is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Interdepartmental Agreement between the Housing Authority and the Sheriff's Department to continue the community policing program at all Housing Authority developments which compensation amount now includes an additional \$150,000 for Ujima Village until the remaining tenants have relocated; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to incorporate up to \$150,000 into the Housing Authority's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 approved budget for this purpose, using Second District discretionary funds previously allocated to the Housing Authority for relocation expenses.

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